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no physician in the village; no record kept of deaths; high and dry; no sickness reported there for five weeks. One case of yellow fever reported there last year. Sanitary conditions good.

Investigation of suspicious fever along the San Marcos River.

[Telegrams.]

LAREDO, TEX., May 27, 1904.

Cock reports he has information of a fever existing along San Marcos River between San Marcos and Luling, unaffected by quinine; this region probably infected last year; recommend Purnell be sent inspect.

RICHARDSON.

Washington, May 27, 1904.

Purnell, San Antonio, Tex.:

Richardson wires following: "Cock reports he has information fever existing along San Marcos River between San Marcos and Luling, unaffected by quinine. This region probably infected last year." Investigate this territory immediately and wire report.

WYMAN.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., May 27, 1904.

Leave for Luling at ten-thirty to-night.

Purnell.

Luling, Tex., May 28, 1904.

Leave here in early morning for San Marcos by buggy, investigating along river en route.

Purnell.

SAN MARCOS, TEX., May 29, 1904.

Completed inspection along San Marcos River between Luling and San Marcos, inclusive; no yellow fever; some typhoid fever; much malarial fever. Go to San Antonio to-night.

Purnell.

Inspection of San Antonio, Tex.—No yellow fever.

San Antonio, Tex., May 25, 1904.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports as follows:

I attended a meeting of the San Antonio board of health this morning, which was called for the purpose of considering a communication received from State Health Officer Tabor, in which he stated that he had been informed by the department of the existence of rumors to the effect that yellow fever prevailed in this city. The board was unanimous in its denouncement of such rumors, as being absolutely without foundation, and the board furthermore declared that there had been no sickness in the city this season that could in any way be suspected of being yellow fever. The result of my inspection and investigation has been negative in every case.